

## **Part 1 Chapter 2: Mississippi Hall of Fame Rules for Elections**

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- A. The members of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall be the electors of the Mississippi Hall of Fame.
- B. Only Mississippians, native or adopted, who have been deceased for at least five years, shall be considered for election to the Hall of Fame. Governors are not eligible as they are included in the Hall of Governors.
- C. Elections to the Hall of Fame shall be held only once in each five- year period.
- D. The election for the Hall of Fame shall be held at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for that purpose. The date for the special meeting and election shall be set by the Board of Trustees at the Board's regular quarterly meeting in July of the election year. The date of the election will be publicized, and the public will be invited to submit nominations.
- E. Nominations for election to the Hall of Fame are accepted January 1 to September 30 of the election year and must be submitted via official online nomination form. Nominations are only valid for that election cycle.
- F. Election to the Hall of Fame shall require an affirmative unanimous vote by the members of the Board present at the time of voting, who shall vote by secret ballot.
- G. No more than five Mississippians shall be elected to the Hall of Fame at any quinquennial election.

Source: *Miss. Code* §§ 25-59-1, 39-5-1 (1972, as amended).

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- E. ~~The date for the Hall of Fame election will be publicized in the *Mississippi History Newsletter*, the *Journal of Mississippi History*, and by means of a statewide news release. These announcements will stress that nominations from the public are welcomed.~~
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- G. ~~Nominations for election to the Hall of Fame shall be in the form of a written statement not to exceed three double-spaced typewritten pages. The statement should be carefully researched and documented by footnotes and bibliography for the references used. It should call attention to the unique contributions or accomplishments of the individual being nominated.~~
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